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1. **Mythical Creatures Revealed**   a  
*SuperScience* (Vol. 18, No. 8); May 2007; Lexile Score: 830; 13K.  
**Summary:** "Discover the science behind the legends of some magical creatures." (*SuperScience*) Read scientific explanations behind dragons, unicorns and mermaids. Vocabulary, background information and  
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**SUPERSCIENCE**  
 May 2007, Vol. 18, No. 8, pp. 6+

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## Mythical Creatures Revealed

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### Born this Month



Alex Haley (1921-1992)  
 Alex Haley was born on August 11, 1921 in Iuka, New York. He is remembered for writing the best-selling book *Roots*, which tells the true story of his mother's ancestry.

**Suggested Research Topics**

**Caffeine**  
 Subject Headings: Caffeine; Caffeine and Soda  
 Subject Tree Paths: DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES  
 Keywords: caffeine; soda; coke

**Cloning Animals**  
 Subject Headings: Cloning; Mammals  
 Subject Tree Paths: SCIENCE  
 Keywords: cloning AND cat

**Global Warming**  
 Subject Headings: Global warming  
 Subject Tree Paths: SCIENCE  
 Warming & Greenhouse Effect  
 Keywords: "global warming" AND

**Iraq**  
 Subject Headings: Hussein, Saddam  
 Subject Tree Paths: COUNTRIES  
 Countries by Regions: Middle East  
 Keywords: Iraq NOT "Country Facts"  
 Encyclopedia Keywords: Iraq  
 Encyclopedia Entry: Iraq

**Ocelots**  
 Subject Headings: Ocelot  
 Subject Tree Paths: ANIMALS; Mammals; ocelots  
 Keywords: ocelot  
 Encyclopedia Entry: OCELOT

Picture for article: butterfly and moth

Picture title: Great purple hairstreak butterfly



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